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TAGS: PFOR, SREF, IT, US, UR, TU

SUBJECT: BRAZINSKAS CASE

REF: STATE 187112

1. FOR BACKGROUND OF POST, THE BRAZINSKAS ARE A LITHUANIAN FATHER AND SON. IN 1970, THE FATHER, ACCOMPANIED BY SON, HIJACKED A SOVIET AIRLINER, KILLED A STEWARDESS, AND FLEW TO TURKEY. THERE THEY WERE CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER, SERVED A PART OF THEIR SENTENCE UNTIL AMNESTIED UNDER A GENERAL 1974 AMNESTY LAW, AND HAVE SINCE BEEN LIVING IN A REFUGEE CAMP IN TURKEY. IN LATE JUNE, HOWEVER, USG BECAME INVOLVED WHEN THE BRAZINSKAS SOUGHT ASYLUM AT US EMBASSY ANKARA, PRESENTING SWORN STATEMENTS OF THEIR FEAR OF IMMEDIATE ARREST AND TRANSFER TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

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2. THEIR REPORTED ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOV (REFTEL), IF

TRUE, PROVIDES SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BRAZINSKAS AND TO
GOI. ADDITIONAL CABLE TRAFFIC, WHICH SUBSTANTIAL, BEING
POUCHED EMBASSY CARACAS.

3. ACTION: PLEASE SEEK DEPARTMENT ADVICE IN EVENT POST
RECEIVES QUERY FROM PRESS, GOV, BRAZINSKAS OR ELSEWHERE ON

SUBJECT ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PARTICULAR
INTEREST IN VENEZUELA ON CASE. AS STATED REFTTEL, THERE
IS NO REPEAT NO THOUGHT OF ISSUING US VISAS TO THE
BRAZINSKAS. THE USG CONSIDERS THIS CASE TO BE A MATTER
FOR THE UNHRC AND THE PRIVATE SPONSORS NOW TO RESOLVE
WITHOUT FURTHER USG INVOLVEMENT. KISSINGER

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